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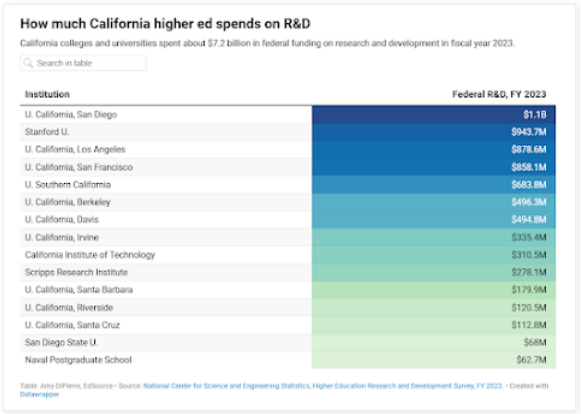

Note: UC-Merced is listed separately at $28.6 million.

Source - EdSource: https://edsource.org/2025/california-research-grants-federal-funding-trump-administration/733468.

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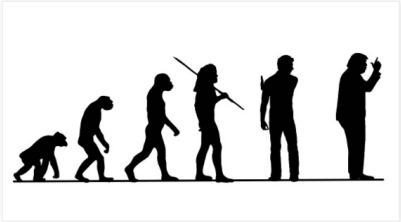
Evolution of the Plan



From the NY Times: *President Trump floated a new plan last Monday for the $3 billion he wants to strip from Harvard University, saying in a social media post that he was thinking about using the money to fund vocational schools. "I am considering taking THREE BILLION DOLLARS of Grant Money away from a very antisemitic Harvard, and giving it to TRADE SCHOOLS all across our land," Mr. Trump posted on Truth Social, his social media platform. The announcement, among the president's Memorial Day social media messages, did not appear to refer to any new cut in funding, but rather to a redistribution of money the administration already announced it had frozen or stripped from Harvard and its research partners. Mr. Trump gave no details about how such a plan would work...*

While campaigning for office in [November] 2023, Mr. Trump posted a video* in which he spoke of "billions and billions of dollars that we will collect by taxing, fining, and suing excessively large private university endowments" to create an entity called the American Academy. Mr. Trump referred specifically to Harvard in the video, which resembled a sales pitch. He said the proposed new academy "will gather an entire universe of the highest quality educational content, covering the full spectrum of human knowledge and skills, and make that material available to every American citizen online for free." ...

Full story at https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/26/us/harvard-trump-trade-schools.html.

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*The video can be seen at:

https://dn721903.ca.archive.org/0/items/a-laugh-a-tear-a-mitzvah/Trump%20-%20American%20Academy%20divert%20money%20from%20higher%20ed%2011-1-2023.mp4.

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What he said and didn't - Part 2

Back in mid-May, we posted about an interview with EVC Hunt held at the Faculty (now University) Club sponsored by the Emeriti and Retirees Associations.

Our summary of that interview is at:

https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2025/05/what-he-said-and-didnt.html.

A video of the interview is now available at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnKeP1DAOP0.

You can also see it directly below:

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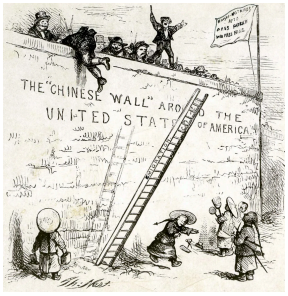

We've been there and done that before

Echoes of the past in recent news:

From the NY Times: *Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced on Wednesday evening that the Trump administration would work to "aggressively revoke" visas of Chinese students, including those with ties to the Chinese Communist Party or who are studying in "critical fields." He added that the State Department was revising visa criteria to "enhance scrutiny" of all future applications from China, including Hong Kong.*

The move was certain to send ripples of anxiety across university campuses in the United States and was likely to lead to reprisal from China, the country of origin for the second-largest group of international students in the United States.

Mr. Rubio's brief statement announcing the visa crackdown did not define "critical fields" of study, but the phrase most likely refers to research in the physical sciences...

Full story at https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/28/us/politics/china-student-visas-revoke.html.

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